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Subject: Re: Prop 50 call backs and info Step 2

Tracie, thanks. I think three-four months would be about right. It would also depend on whether there could be interaction with staff following an initial submittal. Looking at this from two perspectives (I have two applications in for quite different projects) there are a number of ways one can approach just the benefits analysis. This brings me to a more global comment. It makes sense to me that in the second round, the the process should be structured to allow staff to work with all applicants selected for that round to make sure supporting information is presented in the most clear and appropriate way and in that way all the project's are viewed at from a level playing field. In this way the staff is making award decisions on the best projects, not who can manage to interpret application requirements and hit all the right buttons in the application process. Currently, the process seems to weight toward "application skills" rather than project merits. It seems to me that it is in the interest of the State to see scarce public resources go for the most meritorious projects. When you get to the level of detail as proposed in Round 2, it makes great sense to me to allow for applicant/agency dialogue to make sure everyone is speaking the same language and easily addressed issues relative to information on a project are resolved in a give-and-take fashion rather than the "hands-off, take your best shot approach". In this way the best projects don't get passed over because folks on either end of the process were not able to communicate/interpret in the clearest fashion.

Thanks for considering my comment.

Byron

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[That is something that we are trying to figure out and would welcome input.](#)

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Tracie,

How much time do you expect to make available between a notice of call-back for Step 2 and submission of Step 2 documentation? The volume and detail required in Step 2 is impressive and it will take significant time and effort to assemble that, effort that one ideally would only want to expend once you knew you were in the second round.

Thanks

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